

# Top Growth Cities Methodology

Minnesota Housing awards 5 points for proposed housing located in or near a top growth city in households or jobs. In the Twin Cities 7 County Metro, project locations must be within 5 miles of a top growth city. In Greater Minnesota, project locations must be within 10 miles of a top growth city. Tables 1 and 2 list the top growth cities, and map 1 depicts the cities and areas within the 5 and 10 mile buffers.

## Top growth Cities in households and jobs

**Table 1: Top Twin Cities 7 County Metro Cities**

Top 10 Cities - Household Growth					Top 10 Cities - Job Growth**				
	2010 HH	2000 HH	Change	Rank		2010 Jobs	2000 Jobs	Change	Rank
Woodbury (Washington)	22,594	16,676	5,918	1	Maple Grove (Hennepin)	30,030	18,205	11,825	1
Maple Grove (Hennepin)	22,867	17,532	5,335	2	Maplewood (Ramsey)	27,150	18,703	8,447	2
Shakopee (Scott)	12,772	7,540	5,232	3	Eagan (Dakota)	49,316	42,741	6,575	3
Blaine (pr. Anoka)	21,077	15,898	5,179	4	Shakopee (Scott)	18,327	13,903	4,424	4
Lakeville (Dakota)	18,683	13,609	5,074	5	Richfield (Hennepin)	15,408	11,565	3,843	5
Forest Lake (Washington)	7,014	2,805	4,209	6	Golden Valley (Hennepin)	33,552	30,074	3,478	6
Plymouth (Hennepin)	28,663	24,820	3,843	7	Woodbury (Washington)	19,260	16,077	3,183	7
Eden Prairie (Hennepin)	23,930	20,457	3,473	8	Lakeville (Dakota)	13,540	10,583	2,957	8
Farmington (Dakota)	7,066	4,169	2,897	9	Mendota Heights (Dakota)	11,360	8,479	2,881	9
Hugo (Washington)	4,990	2,125	2,865	10	Blaine (pr. Anoka)	20,045	17,419	2,626	10

**Table 2: Top Greater Minnesota Cities and Townships**

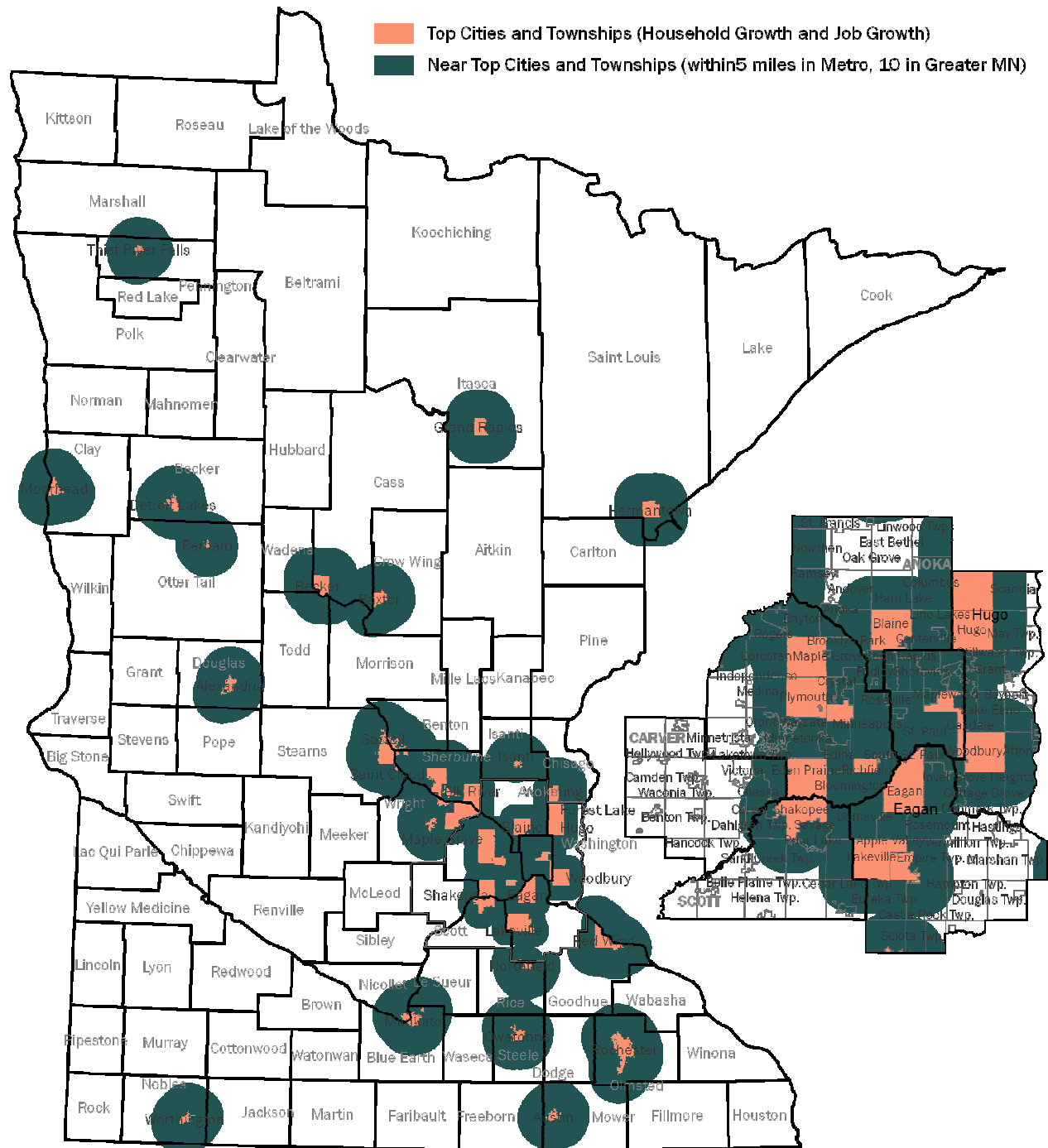
Top 20 Cities/Townships - Household Growth					Top 20 Cities/Townships - Job Growth**				
	2010 HH	2000 HH	Change	Rank		2010 Jobs	2000 Jobs	Change	Rank
Rochester (Olmsted)	43,025	34,116	8,909	1	Rochester (Olmsted)	81,480	77,835	3,645	1
St. Cloud city (pr. Stearns)	25,439	22,652	2,787	2	Baxter (Crow Wing)	7,079	3,641	3,438	2
Otsego (Wright)	4,736	2,062	2,674	3	Mankato (Blue Earth)	30,719	27,916	2,803	3
Moorhead (Clay)	14,304	11,660	2,644	4	Red Wing (Goodhue)	13,033	10,649	2,384	4
Mankato (pr. BlueEarth)	14,851	12,367	2,484	5	Worthington (Nobles)	8,368	6,172	2,196	5
Sartell (pr. Stearns)	5,859	3,443	2,416	6	Elk River (Sherburne)	10,933	8,864	2,069	6
Elk River (Sherburne)	8,080	5,664	2,416	7	Albertville (Wright)	3,211	1,155	2,056	7
St. Michael (Wright)	5,239	2,926	2,313	8	Sartell (largely Stearns)	4,536	3,049	1,487	8
Buffalo (Wright)	5,699	3,702	1,997	9	Monticello (Wright)	6,990	5,562	1,428	9
Monticello (Wright)	4,693	2,944	1,749	10	North Mankato (Nicollet)	8,653	7,325	1,328	10
Wyoming (Chisago)	2,738	1,023	1,715	11	Hermantown (Saint Louis)	3,632	2,439	1,193	11
Owatonna (Steele)	10,068	8,704	1,364	12	Detroit Lakes (Becker)	8,533	7,597	936	12
Becker (Sherburne)	1,496	169	1,327	13	Moorhead (Clay)	14,155	13,333	822	13
Big Lake (Sherburne)	3,377	2,117	1,260	14	Buffalo (Wright)	7,289	6,490	799	14
Alexandria (Douglas)	5,298	4,047	1,251	15	Saint Michael (Wright)	2,965	2,208	757	15
Grand Rapids (Itasca)	4,615	3,446	1,169	16	Perham (Otter Tail)	3,809	3,160	649	16
Albertville (Wright)	2,377	1,287	1,090	17	Northfield (Rice)	9,202	8,562	640	17
Isanti (Isanti)	1,871	816	1,055	18	Thief River Falls (Pennington)	7,645	7,160	485	18
Baxter (Crow Wing)	2,963	1,921	1,042	19	Waite Park (Stearns)	6,727	6,305	422	19
Sauk Rapids (Benton)	4,960	3,921	1,039	20	Austin (Mower)	13,538	13,128	410	20

\*"pr." designates primary county of multicounty cities.

\*\* Cities and townships need at least 2,000 jobs in 2010 to be included in the top growth cities and townships.

## Areas surrounding top growth cities in jobs and households

The below maps display the top cities and townships in household and job growth in orange. The areas in green represent areas surrounding these communities (within five miles surrounding these communities in the Twin Cities 7 County Metro and within ten miles in Greater Minnesota). This map will be available as a layer in the community profiles interactive mapping tool so applicants can check location in relation to these areas.



### Notes on buffered areas

In the Twin Cities Metro, over 92% (2.6 of 2.8 million) of the population is within the five mile areas around top growth communities. In Greater Minnesota, 48% (1.2 of 2.5 million) of the population is within 10 miles of a high growth community.

Also of note is that the major cities of Duluth, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul, while not on a high growth community list, are covered by the buffers around other high growth communities.